

in Washington State and has spent much of his priesthood in Oregon. Next month, he will mark his 28th year as a Jesuit priest.

Father Pat also served here in our capital city. He was chaplain at Georgetown University for a total of 10 years.

He has a deep appreciation for public service. Before being called into the priesthood, Father Pat had thought he had a calling into politics, specifically the United States Senate.

Father, something tells me that you'll fit in just fine right here.

I think it's important to give the House a sense of Father Pat's character.

This is from a letter he wrote expressing his willingness to serve as chaplain:

"As a Jesuit, I believe it a part of my calling to find God in all things and to discover the spirit of God present in the people I encounter and whom I serve. I wish to say that I am ready and willing should those to be served deem me worthy of this ministry. Though true of any ministry, the position would call me to a radical reliance upon the grace of God, which would also be God's gift."

I think it's clear this loyal servant of the faithful is uniquely suited to serve as chaplain of the people's House.

Leader PELOSI and I have gotten a chance to know Father Pat, and we are honored that he has accepted our invitation to serve as chaplain. We're blessed, I think, to have his guidance and his wisdom as we discharge our duties and fulfill our obligations to current and future generations of Americans.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating the 60th chaplain of the House of Representatives, Father Pat Conroy.

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. As the Speaker takes the chair, I join him in commending to the House the spiritual leadership of Father Patrick Conroy.

Speaker BOEHNER, I wish to associate myself with your remarks so beautifully explaining how proud we are that Father Patrick Conroy has agreed to this additional responsibility.

I would only like to add that in his ministering to the needs at Georgetown as a chaplain there, he was engaged in many interfaith ministerings. So that serves him well to come here with the diversity of beliefs that we have within even the Protestant part of our Congress but also throughout the Congress.

Father Pat Conroy comes with a healthy respect for what we do, as Speaker BOEHNER said. He has been a longtime Jesuit and again served very beautifully in that capacity. Before that he was an attorney. So the making of laws is of interest to him. That is not to say that he doesn't understand his first responsibility, and that

is to minister to the spiritual and personal needs of our colleagues.

Yes, Speaker BOEHNER was correct in saying that one of the last gifts that Father Coughlin left us was a recommendation that Father Patrick Conroy would be considered to follow in his footsteps, and huge footsteps they are. For more than 10 years, Father Dan was our spiritual leader, and we were blessed with that.

Today, we are blessed again with the Speaker's recommendation to the body of Father Patrick Conroy as the Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

It is a beautiful honor, steeped in history, deeply personal, free of politics; and we wish him every success in that job.

Father, we pray for you. Please pray for us.

Welcome, Father Patrick Conroy.

SWEARING IN OF THE CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Will the Chaplain-designate please take the well.

The Chair will now swear in the Chaplain of the House.

The Chaplain-designate took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

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REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further proceedings will resume with the third reading of the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

The bill was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. CLYBURN. In its current form, I am, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Clyburn moves to recommit the bill H.R. 1216 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the

same to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Page 3, after line 14, insert the following new paragraph (and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly):

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) ENSURING AUTHORIZED AMOUNTS FIRST PROVIDED TO UNDERSERVED AREAS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (A) and (B), in determining the amounts payable under this section to qualified teaching health centers for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall—

"(I) first make payments under this section to qualified teaching health centers in underserved areas, based on the full amount determined for such centers pursuant to clause (ii); and

"(II) after application of subclause (I), from any remaining amounts appropriated for such fiscal year pursuant to subsection (g), make payments under this section to qualified teaching health centers not described in subclause (I).

"(ii) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of making payments under clause (i)(I), the Secretary shall determine such amounts that would be payable under this section to qualified teaching health centers described in such clause as if the full amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (g) for such fiscal year is the amount appropriated to carry out this section for such fiscal year."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from South Carolina is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, last month, Republicans voted to end Medicare. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, their plan would raise seniors' health care costs by more than \$6,000 per year, doubling their out-of-pocket costs.

Now, this week, Republicans want to cut training for new primary care doctors. This is another part of their attempt to repeal health care reform piece by piece. Madam Speaker, there is bipartisan agreement that we need more primary care physicians. Yet Republicans are bringing up a bill that will make sure that even fewer primary care doctors are trained to meet the growing demand. This is a terrible idea but not surprising.

I oppose this bill because we need to be training more primary care doctors, not fewer; but at a minimum, we must ensure that the Nation's neediest areas have access to the doctors they need.

This final amendment will ensure that training programs in the areas most in need of primary care doctors are to be prioritized for funding. This is common sense.

My district, like so many others represented in this body, has some very rural communities. In many areas, families have to drive for dozens of miles to reach the nearest doctor. People who live in remote communities, like Brittons Neck and Salters, travel great distances in search of primary care, and many don't have public or private transportation. This is not just an abstract debate about compassion. For many people, it is literally a matter of life and death.

Madam Speaker, we all know that, for decades, many communities across